



## ***St. Elizabeths Hospital, 1907–1940: The Central Classified Files of the Office of the Secretary of the Interior***

The Office of the Secretary of the Interior adopted a subject-numeric classification scheme for its central office records in 1907. Because the Department of the Interior oversaw many institutions located in the District of Columbia, the Central Classified File includes records pertaining to several hospitals and schools, including St. Elizabeths Hospital.

The file designation for St. Elizabeths is “16.” The Department subdivided this large file designation into a number of secondary classifications assigned sub-numbers. The secondary classifications primarily document administrative matters such as finances and buildings and grounds; however, many files relate to specific people including patients. Although some files go as late as 1940, they are all filed in the first chronological portion of the Central Classified File (1907–1936).

The records can include letters received, copies of letters sent, memoranda, narrative and statistical reports, orders, circulars, bulletins, manuals, minutes of meetings, contracts and agreements, bonds, permits, certificates, opinions, decisions, petitions and memorials, copies of speeches, and other records.

### **File Title List File Classification”16”**

- 16-3 Investigations—General, 1922–40
  - Special Advisors, General, 1926–38
  - Reports, 1926–38
  
- 16-7 Commitments
  - Angelini, Ernest, 1916–17
  - Brewster, Sidney, 1911–12
  - Burk, John, 1909–10
  - Cash, Claude Cornelius, 1931
  - Cross, Ada, 1908–14
  - District of Columbia – General, 1907–40
    - Releases, 1925–33
    - White, Louise M., 1931
  - Halleck, Winfield R., 1909–11
  - Howell, George T., 1915–16
  - Johnson, Lettie Kirk, 1926–27
  - Jordan, Benjamin, 1914–16
  - Juvenile Court of D.C., 1920–28
  - Kucznski, Frank B., 1923–29
  - Lopez, Gonzalo, 1911
  - Military and Naval General, 1908–39
    - Releases, 1926–40
  - Miscellaneous, 1920–40

Moore, John Miller, 1908  
Ormsby, George F., 1907–40  
Panama Canal, 1916–38  
Public Health Service, 1920–40  
Revised Statutes–U.S. General, 1907–40  
Revised Statutes  
    Releases–General, 1925–40  
Revised Statutes–Simmons, Eliza, 1931–32  
    Simonson, Robert Elbert, 1911  
State, National and United States  
    Soldiers' Home, 1907–29  
United States Citizens in Canada–  
    General, 1925–40  
    Legislation, 1929  
United States Employees Compensation Commission, 1929  
Veterans Administration, 1918–34  
Worden, Walter D., 1916–18

16-9 Charges and Complaints

Aston, Ralph W., 1917  
Chunn, Symour Company, 1916–17  
Davis, Keith M., 1923–26  
Dodge, Edith A., 1907  
Douglass, Katherine and Gray, Helen Bliss, 1919  
Drysdale, Annie F., 1907–08  
Evans, Harvey J., 1924–30  
Griffiths, Anna M., 1923–38  
Hart, John, 1910–11  
Investigations, 1919  
Kenyon, F.C., 1912–16  
Landram, Clarence E., 1911  
McKay, Florence M., 1937–38  
Miscellaneous, 1907–40  
Moore, Clarence J., 1911–14  
Nelson, George C., 1925  
Powers, Michael, 1908–26  
Redfern, V. D., 1919  
Rhodes, Charles C. B., 1911–12  
Sidney, Roche, 1928–29  
Savage, John A., 1924–28  
Wagner, Harrison, 1907–15  
Wagner, John Edward, 1911–17

16-13 Indigent and Non-indigent Patients of District of Columbia

16-14 Accounts

- Administrative, 1909–40
  - Appropriations
    - Apportionment, 1907–22
    - Estimates, 1909–39
    - General, 1911–40
    - Unexpended Balances, 1913–40
  - Current, 1909–34
  - General, 1910–40
  - Pension Funds of Patients
    - Rules and Regulations, 1909–37
  - Personal Funds of Patients
    - Legislation–Proposed, 1927
    - Rules and Regulations, 1909–36
- 16-16 Opinions of Comptroller, 1907–14
- 16-23 Suits
  - Brown, Robert W., 1926–38
  - Ford, Thomas Henry, 1908–11
  - Minor, Rose, 1908
  - Nicoll and Company, 1916–18
  - Ruthven, Mary A., 1926–38
  - Young, Henry A., 1916–17
- 16-29 Habeas Corpus Proceedings to Secure Discharge from Hospital
  - Balzer, George, 1915
  - Crowe, Patrick J., 1926
  - DeGolia, Irwin L., 1916–17
  - Evans, Richard P., 1907–17
  - General, 1916–36
  - Giles, Joseph, 1911–13
  - Lefort, Allen, 1910
  - Mansfield, Garrett W., 1910–11
  - Muskino, Skeeters (alias Carlo Melini and George Tisdale), 1913–25
  - Tisdale, George–Legislation, 1929–30
  - Treibly, Charles E., 1926–27
- 16-36 Rules and Regulations, 1912–39
- 16-38 Legislation
  - General, 1907–28
  - Proposed, 1907–09
- 16-41 Buildings and Grounds
  - Cost of Operation of Building, 1928–30
  - Female Receiving Building, 1933–40

General, 1913–39  
Hitchcock Hall, 1919–25  
Housing for War Needs, 1918  
Laboratory and Isolation Buildings, 1922–34  
Male Receiving Ward, 1930–37  
Medical and Surgical Buildings, 1928–32  
Power Plant, 1933–39  
Tuberculosis Building, 1930–32  
Water Supply, 1934–40

16-58 Administrative  
General, 1921–40

### **Access to the Records**

The Central Classified Files relating to St. Elizabeths Hospital are part of the Records of the Office of the Secretary of the Interior (Record Group 48). They are located at the National Archives at College Park, Maryland, and are not available on microfilm.

To request specific files, contact the Civil reference staff at College Park at [archives2reference@nara.gov](mailto:archives2reference@nara.gov) and provide the following information: RG 48; Central Classified Files, 1907–1936; the complete file number; and the file title.

**Example: RG 48; Central Classified Files, 1907–1936; File 16–41 Buildings and Grounds; Water Supply, 1934–40.**

For more information, see the following reference reports:

- *Patients and Staff at St. Elizabeths Hospital (The Government Hospital for the Insane) in the Federal Census, 1860–1940*
- *Annual Reports of St. Elizabeths Hospital (The Government Hospital for the Insane)*

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